

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16

2 **48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4, SECTION 10 OF THE
12 CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO LIMIT COMPENSATION OF LEGISLATORS
13 TO AN ANNUAL SALARY, TO RESTRICT PER DIEM AND MILEAGE TO TEN
14 DAYS PER MONTH DURING THE INTERIM AND TO ALLOW INTERNAL REVENUE
15 SERVICE RATES FOR OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL.

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17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

18 Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 10
19 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

20 "Each member of the legislature shall receive:

21 A. per diem at the rate set by the federal
22 government and accepted by the internal revenue service [~~per~~
23 ~~diem rate~~] for the city of Santa Fe for [~~each day's attendance~~
24 ~~during~~] each session of the legislature and the internal
25 revenue service standard mileage rate for each mile traveled in

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1 going to and returning from the seat of government by the usual
2 traveled route, once each session as defined by Article 4,
3 Section 5 of this constitution;

4 B. per diem [~~expense~~] and mileage at the same rates
5 as provided in Subsection A of this section for service at in-
6 state meetings required by legislative committees established
7 by the legislature to meet in the interim between sessions;
8 [~~and~~

9 ~~C. no other compensation, perquisite or allowance]~~

10 C. for service at out-of-state meetings related to
11 a member's legislative duties, either:

12 (1) per diem and mileage at a rate set by the
13 federal government and accepted by the internal revenue service
14 for the out-of-state location; or

15 (2) actual expenses that may be reimbursed for
16 reasonable and necessary travel expenditures pursuant to law;

17 D. no more than ten per diem and mileage days per
18 month as provided in Subsections B and C of this section; and

19 E. an annual salary that is fifteen percent of the
20 salary for United States congressional representatives and
21 senators."

22 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
23 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
24 rejection at the next general election or at any special
25 election prior to that date that may be called for that

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